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Examiner : Jenna Leigh Johnson
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Inventors : Taiichi Okada Docket No.: TOR-04-1178
: Isoo Saito
Title : COATED BASE FABRIC FOR AIRBAG
: AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
: THE SAME Confirmation No.: 2464

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated June 9, 2008.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 over the hypothetical combination of Kami with JP '740.

The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's helpful and detailed comments hypothetically applying that combination against those claims. The Applicants particularly note with appreciation the Examiner's specific comments:

For the applicant to prove that the number of entanglements produced the improved results, the applicant must compare samples where the only difference between the two fabrics is the number of entanglements in the yarn. There are too many other variables in the examples provided in the specification for certain that the entanglements is [sic] directly related to the improved properties and that this result would be unexpected and not an obvious result of modifying the number of yarn entanglements.

The Applicants acknowledge this point and, accordingly, one of the Applicants, Mr. Okada, conducted a series of experiments that directly address this point.

The Applicants accordingly enclose a Declaration of Mr. Okada which recites the specifics of the experiments that he conducted and the results of those experiments. Thus, the Applicants invite the Examiner's attention to the enclosed Declaration wherein three Samples A, B and C were produced. It can be seen that the manner of producing all three samples was exactly the same except